

JANUARY 31, 1837.

Read twice, and committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. COLES, from the Committee on Military Affairs, reported the following bill:

**A BILL**

Concerning the re-organization of the army of the United States, and for other purposes.

1       *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives*  
2       *of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That*  
3       the President of the United States be, and he is hereby, au-  
4       thorized to add to the corps of engineers, whenever he may  
5       deem it expedient to increase the same, one lieutenant colonel,  
6       two majors, six captains, six first lieutenants, and six second lieu-  
7       tenants; with the pay and emoluments now provided by law for  
8       officers of the corps of engineers.

1       SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted, That so much of the*  
2       act, passed the twenty-ninth day of April, one thousand eight  
3       hundred and twelve, entitled "An act making further provision  
4       for the corps of engineers," as provides that one paymaster shall  
5       be taken from the subalterns of the corps of engineers, be, and  
6       the same is hereby, repealed; and that the paymaster so author-  
7       ized and provided be attached to the pay department, and be,  
8       in every respect, placed on the footing of other paymasters of the  
9       army.

1        SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted,* That the President shall  
 2 be, and he is hereby, authorized, whenever he may deem the  
 3 same expedient, to cause one of the regiments of infantry to be  
 4 armed and equipped, and to serve as a regiment of riflemen ; and  
 5 one other of the regiments of infantry to be armed and equipped,  
 6 and to serve as a regiment of light infantry.

1        SEC. 4. *And be it further enacted,* That the President of  
 2 the United States shall be, and he is hereby, authorized to ap-  
 3 point so many assistant adjutants general, not exceeding four,  
 4 with the brevet rank, pay, and emoluments of a major ; and not  
 5 exceeding four with the brevet rank, pay, and emoluments of a  
 6 captain of infantry, as he may deem necessary : and that they  
 7 shall be taken from the line of the army, and, in addition to their  
 8 own, shall perform the duties of assistant inspectors general when  
 9 the circumstances of the service may require.

1        SEC. 5. *And be it further enacted,* That the officers to be  
 2 taken from the line and transferred to the staff, under the last  
 3 preceding section, shall receive only the pay and emoluments  
 4 attached to their rank in the staff ; but their transfer shall be  
 5 without prejudice to their rank and promotion in the line, ac-  
 6 cording to their said rank and seniority ; which promotion shall  
 7 take place according to usage, in the same manner as if they had  
 8 not been thus transferred.

1        SEC. 6. *And be it further enacted,* That the President of  
 2 the United States be, and he is hereby, authorized, by and with

3 the advice and consent of the Senate, to add to the quartermas-  
4 ter's department not exceeding two assistant quartermasters gen-  
5 eral, with the rank of colonel ; two deputy quartermasters gen-  
6 eral, with the rank of lieutenant colonel ; and eight assistant  
7 quartermasters, with the rank of captain ; that the assistant quar-  
8 termasters now in service shall have the same rank as is pro-  
9 vided by this act for those hereby authorized ; and that the pay  
10 and emoluments of the officers of the quartermaster's department  
11 shall be the same as are allowed to officers of similar rank in the  
12 regiments of infantry : *Provided*, That all appointments in the  
13 quartermaster's department shall be made from the army ; and  
14 when officers taken for such appointments hold rank in the line,  
15 they shall thereupon relinquish said rank, and be separated from  
16 the line of the army ; and that promotion in said department  
17 shall take place as in regiments and corps.

1       SEC. 7. *And be it further enacted*, That the quartermaster  
2 general be, and he is hereby, authorized from time to time to  
3 employ so many forage masters and wagon masters as he may  
4 deem necessary, not exceeding twenty in the whole ; each of  
5 whom shall be entitled to receive forty dollars per month, three  
6 rations per day, and forage for one horse ; and neither of whom  
7 shall be interested or concerned, directly or indirectly, in any  
8 wagon or any other means of transport employed by the United  
9 States, nor in the purchase or sale of any property procured for,  
10 or belonging to, the United States, except as an agent for the  
11 United States.

1        SEC. 8. *And be it further enacted,* That the stewards of  
 2 hospitals at posts of more than four companies be hereafter al-  
 3 lowed the pay, clothing, and rations of a sergeant of ordnance ;  
 4 and at all other posts the pay, clothing, and rations heretofore  
 5 allowed to the first sergeant of a company of infantry.

1        SEC. 9. *And be it further enacted,* That the President of  
 2 the United States be, and he is hereby, authorized to add to the  
 3 ordnance department, whenever he may deem it expedient to  
 4 increase the same, by and with the advice of the Senate, two  
 5 majors, ten first lieutenants, and ten second lieutenants ; and that  
 6 the pay and emoluments of the officers, of the said department,  
 7 shall be the same as those allowed to the officers of the regiments  
 8 of artillery.

1        SEC. 10. *And be it further enacted,* That so much of the  
 2 fourth section of the act, passed fifth of April, eighteen hundred  
 3 and thirty-two, for the organization of the ordnance department,  
 4 as authorizes the officers of ordnance to receive the same pay  
 5 and emoluments now allowed artillery officers, shall be construed  
 6 to include the ten dollars per month additional pay to every  
 7 officer in the actual command of a company, as compensation for  
 8 the duties and responsibilities with respect to clothing, arms, and  
 9 accoutrements of the company, under the authority of the se-  
 10 cond section of the act passed the second of March, eighteen  
 11 hundred and twenty-seven, giving further compensation to the

12 captains and subalterns of the army of the United States in  
 13 certain cases: *Provided*, That the officers of the ordnance depart-  
 14 ment, claiming the compensation for such duties and responsibi-  
 15 ties, shall have been actually in the command of a number of  
 16 enlisted men of the ordnance equal to a company, and thereby  
 17 incurred the aforesaid responsibilities.

1        SEC. 11. *And be it further enacted*, That the President of  
 2 the United States be, and he is hereby, authorized to add to the  
 3 subsistence department, whenever he shall deem it expedient to  
 4 increase the same, not exceeding one assistant commissary general  
 5 of subsistence, with the rank, pay, and emoluments of a lieutenant  
 6 colonel of infantry; and, also, in like manner, to appoint not ex-  
 7 ceeding two additional commissaries of subsistence, with the rank,  
 8 pay, and emoluments of a major of infantry: the said appoint-  
 9 ments to be made by and with the advice and consent of the  
 10 Senate; and that the officers now belonging to the subsistence  
 11 department, with and above the rank of major, as well as those  
 12 who may be appointed under this section, shall be, and they are  
 13 hereby, separated from the line of the army; and that the ration  
 14 withheld from assistant commissaries of subsistence, by a con-  
 15 struction of the act passed the second day of March, one thou-  
 16 sand eight hundred and twenty-seven, which provides for "an  
 17 additional ration to each captain and subaltern of the army," be  
 18 restored.

1        SEC. 12. *And be it further enacted,* That, from and after  
 2    the passing of this act, all enlistments in the army of the United  
 3    States shall be for five years; and that the monthly pay of the  
 4    non-commissioned officers, musicians, and privates of the army  
 5    of the United States shall be the same with that established for  
 6    the monthly pay of the non-commissioned officers, musicians,  
 7    and privates of the marine corps, by the first section of the act  
 8    entitled "An act to improve the condition of the non-commis-  
 9    sioned officers and privates of the army and marine corps of the  
 10   United States, and to prevent desertion;" approved March second,  
 11   eighteen hundred and thirty-three.

1        SEC. 13. *And be it further enacted,* That the fifth section  
 2    of the aforesaid last-mentioned act shall be, and the same is here-  
 3    by, repealed; and that the premium to officers for enlisting re-  
 4    cruits, and the bounty to recruits, shall hereafter be the same as  
 5    before the passage of that act; but the payment of one-half the  
 6    bounty shall be deferred until the recruit shall have joined the  
 7    corps in which he is to serve.

1        SEC. 14. *And be it further enacted,* That the allowance of  
 2    sugar and coffee to the non-commissioned officers, musicians, and  
 3    privates, in lieu of the spirit or whiskey component part of the  
 4    army ration now directed by regulation, shall be fixed at six  
 5    pounds of coffee and twelve pounds of sugar to every one hun-  
 6    dred rations; to be issued weekly, when it can be done with  
 7    convenience to the public service; and, when not so issued, to  
 8    be paid for in money.

1        SEC. 15. *And be it further enacted,* That the term for which  
2        cadets hereafter admitted into the Military Academy at West  
3        Point shall engage to serve, be, and the same is hereby, increased  
4        to eight years, unless sooner discharged ; and that, in case any  
5        graduate of the said Military Academy shall hereafter, in conse-  
6        quence of misconduct on his part, be discharged from the army  
7        of the United States before the expiration of the term for which  
8        he shall have engaged to serve, such graduate shall be liable to  
9        pay to the United States, as an equivalent for the expenses of his  
10       education and support at the Military Academy, at the rate of  
11       four hundred dollars per year for the period for which his actual  
12       service shall fall short of the term above prescribed ; to be re-  
13       covered, with costs of suit, in an action of debt to be brought by  
14       the said United States.

1        SEC. 16. *And be it further enacted,* That an additional pro-  
2        fessor at the Military Academy be appointed to instruct in the  
3        studies of chemistry, mineralogy, and geology, with the pay and  
4        emoluments now allowed to the professor of mathematics.

1        SEC. 17. *And be it further enacted,* That all acts and parts  
2        of acts inconsistent with the provisions of this act, shall be, and  
3        the same are hereby, repealed.